Serial No. 09/855,149 Docket No. NEC 142135 Amendment A

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors.

Claims 1 and 14-17 have been amended to employ more idiomatic English and to conform with U.S. claiming practice.

No new matter has been entered by any of the foregoing amendments.

Turning to the rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 USC §102 as anticipated by Garfinkle et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,512,570), the Examiner's rejection is in error. The independent claims require an order terminal, producing/processing terminal, and a headquarters terminal exist on the same network. Garfinkle et al. does not teach this. Garfinkle et al. teaches a system that allows users to upload photographs to a network for others to view or use (Abstract). Nowhere does Garfinkle et al. disclose the order terminal, producing/processing terminal, and a headquarters terminal on the same network. Thus, Garfinkle et al. cannot anticipate claims 1, 14-18, nor any claims dependent therefrom.

Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account Number 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman P. Soloway Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 24,315

HAYES SOLOWAY P.C. 130 W. CUSHING STREET TUCSON, AZ 85701 TEL. 520.882.7623 FAX. 520.882.7643

175 CANAL STREET
MANCHESTER, NH 03101
TEL. 603.668.1400
FAX. 603.668.8567